

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling an actuator arm system for a hard disk drive comprising:

- placing ~~[[the]]~~ a lower bearing on ~~[[the]]~~ a shaft;
- placing ~~[[the]]~~ an actuator arm on the lower bearing;
- placing ~~[[the]]~~ an upper bearing on the shaft;
- applying an adhesive between an inner race of the upper bearing and the shaft;
- applying an axial preload force to the inner race of the upper bearing;
- curing the adhesive; and
- releasing the preload force.

Claims 14-19 (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling an actuator arm system for a hard disk drive comprising:

- placing a lower bearing in a hole;
- placing a shaft in the lower bearing;
- placing an upper bearing in the hole and on the shaft;
- applying an adhesive between an outer race of the upper bearing and the hole;
- applying an axial preload force to the outer race of the upper bearing;
- curing the adhesive;
- releasing the preload force; and
- attaching the actuator arm to the shaft.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have equivalent inner bores.

23. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have different inner bores.

24. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have equivalent outer diameters.

25. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have different outer diameters.

26. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the actuator arm system does not include a sleeve to receive the upper bearing and the lower bearing.

27. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the shaft includes a flange that restrains the lower bearing.

28. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the actuator arm is shaped such that a gap exists between the actuator arm and the shaft.

29. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the shaft comprises a threaded hole in the top of the shaft.